



LIETUVOS ŠAŠKIŲ FEDERACIJA
LITHUANIAN DRAUGHTS FEDERATION

Dear colleagues! Dear presidents of all the national draughts federations! Dear presidents of FMJD, IDF, and EDC.

Currently the situation in draughts 64 reminds the war with no winners. The conflict between FMJD and IDF is the second war (the first war was in 2003 if you remember) in the world of Russian draughts. Consequences will be sad.

IDF announced its calendar of tournaments, and FMJD much later ON PURPOSE organized their own tournaments on the same dates.

The first one is Europe 64 (Russian draughts) among the youth of all ages. IDF planned the competition place in Orsha (Belorussia), but the Belorussian Federation refused organising it due to some reasons.

FMJD chose the same dates for the Championship and Turkey for its place. Is it a reasonable place to organise this Russian draughts championship for youth in Turkey? Will many other countries which are playing 64 participate there? We really doubt.

Did the members of FMJD ask the other federations if there were any other federations WILLING to organise the Europe championship among the youth 64 (Russian draughts)?? Of course not.

And we think it was worth asking. Lithuania possibly also could organise this Championship. The suitable conditions were proposed by IDF. We could organise the Championship of Europe among youth on these conditions. But we can't accept the confrontation between FMJD and IDF. It is the high time to find a

solution, otherwise in this year we will have a tragic situation with all the main tournaments 64.

We would like to ask the leaders of FMJD and IDF, and also the Russian Draughts Federation to forget all the disputes and confrontations for the sake of draughts and until it is not too late to make an urgent (!!!) meeting (possibly in order to unite the both federations on the bases of partnership) and confirming ONE calendar for draughts 64. IDF has already its working routine: calendar, ratings of sportsmen, titles, contacts with other countries, and this is very important.

In many countries (of the previous UdSSR) Russian draughts are much better developed than 100, and our youth play both 64 and 100 draughts in all the main competitions. These two kinds of draughts complement each other; Russian draughts mean the precise counting, responsibility for every move, hundred square draughts mean the ocean of fantasy. Each kind has its own beauty and its genies. Don't forget about it and give to the world of draughts a new impulse.

We are waiting for the reaction from the interested federations to our letter. What do you think about this situation?

And our question to the FMJD board ; who and when did elect the responsible person for the 64 section of FMJD (Russian draughts)? Or could it be that this position is assigned and not elected by federations?

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